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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 19, with the following replacement paragraph:

From the above-mentioned results, in terms of the suppression of kink, it may be preferable that the length of the first region is 100  $\mu\text{m}$  or more (about 10% or more with respect to the resonator length). Furthermore, in terms of the reduction in  $R_s$ , it may be preferable that, in the case where the resonator length is in a range of 800  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~nm~~ to 1200  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~nm~~ (general range), the length of the first region is in a range of about 400  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~nm~~ to 600  $\mu\text{m}$  ~~nm~~, i.e., about 50% or less with respect to the resonator length.